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**Outdoor & Woodland Learning North East Group**

**Zoom Meeting Friday 23rd June 2023 at 7pm**

* **Welcome and Apologies**

**Present:** Douglas Gooday, Kate Malster, Julia Mackay and Dawn Ewan

**Apologies:** Stephen Reeves, Joanne Evans, John Malster and Neil Taylor

* **Minutes arising from meeting on 10th March 2023**
* Scottish Finest Woods Award – won by Fordyce Primary School
* Nature Nurture Equipment in shed **–** Julia spoke to Terri to remove the remaining equipment.
* **Update on Events**
* Greenmyres Networking Event Sunday 26th March went very well in partnership with Moray OWL group. Julia wrote a report and its been circulated and sent to Eilidh
* Seaweed Workshop on Tuesday 21st March 2023 went well but was poorly attended because of the mid-week, late afternoon timing. This was due to the low tide and best season to forage for certain seaweed. Julia wrote a report and its been circulated and sent to Eilidh.
* First Aid course was fully booked on 22nd & 23rd April and delivered by Duncan McNeill.
* **Events for 23/24**
* Willow Workshop at Oyne Primary School **– action John Malster**
* March 2024 networking Event at Camphill School – 4 round robin workshops - **action Julia Mackay**
  1. Difference between Forest School & Outdoor Learning – Dawn Ewan
  2. SJFA – raise awareness and activities – Doug Gooday
  3. Connection with Nature activities – Jill Birch?
  4. Nature Crafts – Justin & Petra?
* Scything Workshop – **action John Malster & Douglas Gooday**
* John Cree Workshop – **action Dawn Ewan**
* First Aid Course – 30th September and 1st Oct at Camphill School, Aberdeen delivered by Duncan McNeill. 9/12 so far booked on. Julia to invoice participants next week.
* **Branching Out**

Out 10th programme has finished and we hope to run 1 more from Aug – Dec 2023 if there are enough funds. Jill will share the report once its completed and give an update going forward – **action Jill Birch**

* **SJFA & Skills Tenders –** Doug & Julia have tendered for 2 OWL Scotland workshops.
  1. **Forest Kindergarten –** tool & fire use
  2. **SJFA –** Tool use & tree planting
* **Treasurers Report**

Balance on 23/06/23 - £33,246.94. Approx running total BOS -A £17,700.00 and OWLNEG - £15,450.00.

BOSA – we have been promised £3000.00 from Branching Out, Head Office for the last programme, but as yet we haven’t received anything. **Action Julia**

Jill Birch still needs to invoice for the last programme.

OWLNEG – a cheque has been sent for the next first aid course - £1,392.00

* **AOCB**

A reminder has come through for the shed insurance. **Action Julia**

Apply for OWL admin grant. **Action Julia**

* **Date for Next Meeting**

Friday 20th October, Aller Croft – **Action Julia**